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WSP Compliance Review Section

The Washington State Patrol (WSP) Commercial Vehicle Division (CVD) is home to the Compliance Review Section. Anytime there is a fatal collision involving a Washington based trucking company, an audit of the company is conducted to ensure basic safety management practices exist.

January through June 2004, there were 22 fatal collisions involving commercial motor vehicles, 13 of which were Washington based carriers.

While commercial motor vehicles cause less than half of the fatal collisions they are involved in, a majority occur in Snohomish, Whatcom, Kitsap, Clallam and Jefferson counties on state routes.

Compliance Review partners with the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration in order to use their Safestat Program to select carriers for a review. The program tracks roadside inspections, collisions, compliance review results and enforcement history.

“The Commercial Vehicle Division will be focusing our efforts in the high collision areas. Through education and enforcement our goal is to decrease loss of lives,” stated Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Officer 3 Linda Powell.

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